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## FARMED ON A GOLD MINE

### Strange Story of the World's Greatest Gold Mine.

The Rev. James Murray, Roman Catholic bishop of Northern Queensland, Australia, who is just now on a visit to this country, is extremely interesting in his reminiscences of Australia life. And in talking on this subject recently to some friends at the Waldorf Astoria, he said: "Australia possesses one of the wonders of the world in the marvelous Mount Morgan mine. No parallel to it has ever been discovered either in this or any other country, for up to date it has produced no less a sum than \$20,000,000 in gold and is still producing a record for a single mine which I believe is unequalled. When the final and total output of the Mount Morgan mine is registered it will be likely to stand unequalled for all time to come. The story of its discovery makes a strange and rare tale.

"A full generation ago an adventurous and hardy Irishman, named Connor, pushed his way across Queensland's coast range mountains and after building a big cabin started in to carve a farm for himself out of the surrounding wilderness. Years went by and the clearing of farm land grew. The center of the homestead that Connor had located was occupied by a conical shaped hill. This hill was covered with what miners technically call float. I do not know myself what it is exactly, but I believe its physical appearance resembles that of the clinkers found in forges. The hill itself, under certain conditions, Connor noticed, frequently took on all the colors of Joseph's historical coat, but to his un-instructed mind this phenomenon meant nothing more than an agreeable physical addition to the view. So Connor led his peaceful, if hard, existence and eked out a modest livelihood, and had no thought beyond his farm and its profits. His worth lay in a few cow patches and in sundry and divers cattle and sheep. One evening after sundown two Welsh prospectors, named Morgan, arrived at Connor's

farm and sought shelter for the night. Connor gave them a share of his scanty fare and a shakedown on the veranda.

"The following morning the Morgans were about to start on their way, when one of the brothers chanced on a piece of float which unmistakably betrayed the presence of gold. The Morgans thereupon questioned Connor closely about the country thereabouts, and asked him if he had ever noticed anything queer in the appearance of the earth. That I have," replied Connor. "Sure, it's meself that owns an entire hill that every now and again shows all the colors of the rainbow." He willingly showed the Morgans the mount, and gave full permission to work as they would upon it. The Morgans were soon convinced that they had chanced on a great discovery and at once made their way back to the coast with the float they had gathered from the hillside. The assay showed their surmise to be correct, for the float was rich in gold."

"They then returned to the lonely ranch and offered Connor £200 spot cash for his farm. Connor had had seven years of desolate life, and the sum mentioned to a man in his position represented a small fortune, so he eagerly closed with the offer. He did not dream, when he packed up and started coastward with his £200 strapped carefully round his waist, that he had parted with the richest treasure Dame Nature had deposited in the mountains of Australia, or those of any other country. The rest of the story is simple. The Morgans managed to get together a sufficient sum to purchase a rude stamp mill, which it took them six months to transport and erect. Within 30 days from the time it started working it had paid for itself, and an order for improved machinery was on its way to the coast.

"That was 25 years ago. Since then \$25,000,000 had been taken from that cone-shaped hill, and it is yielding gold as plentifully today as ever. The cone is gone forever though, and two years since, when I stood on the rim of a saucer-shaped excavation and looked down at a busy shift of miners below, I was standing where the base of the cone had rested a quarter of a century before. The mountain was probably of volcanic origin, and the gold, impregnated the soft rock which formed the center of the cone. Mount Morgan is

today a busy hive of industry—an industry which by the way, has made the Morgan brothers take first rank among the world's richest men. To their great credit be it known that after their own success was assured, they sought out Connor, and so richly rewarded him for his kindly hospitality on the night preceding the great discovery of the Mount Morgan mine that he was made independent for life."—American Mining News.

## Lead Industry of Canada.

It is interesting and instructive to follow the itinerary of the lead that is produced from the mines of British Columbia. A week ago a cargo of 2,700 tons of B. C. lead was shipped from St. John, N. B., to Antwerp. From Antwerp it was distributed to the lead works, for which Belgium is famous, and there it is manufactured into the various compounds used for making paints, for plumbing and for other commercial purposes. After it has passed through these works the lead, in its raw form, is distributed to the different markets of Europe, and it is from these that Canada obtains her white lead and other lead products. The distance travelled from the mines in British Columbia to Europe and back to Canada is 10,000 miles.

If we were able to smelt, refine and manufacture our lead into commercial forms in Canada, comments the Toronto World, we would save the cost of this enormous transportation and the expense incidental to the product passing through so many hands. There is quite enough lead in its various forms used in Canada to justify the establishment of a lead industry such as is carried on in Belgium and Great Britain. Last year Canada imported lead and manufactures thereof to the value of \$307,003, the bulk of which came from Great Britain. The Government has only to say the word, and all this business will be transferred at once, to Canada. The demand for lead in Canada will increase very rapidly. The country is making rapid strides forward, and its consumption of all the metals, especially of iron, steel, copper, lead and nickel, will be so large as to warrant our taking hold of all these industries on a large scale. The encouragement of the lead industry is a natural sequence of the Government's general policy. Under that policy Canada has iron furnaces in operation at Sydney, Midland, Saint Ste. Marie and other points; and is to have steel mill plants at the Soo and Sydney.

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## REGINA MINE TO OPEN.

### Arrangements Completed for the Commencement of Work.

Lieut.-General Sir Henry Wilkinson and Mr. F. Peterson arrived yesterday from London where they have been for some months interesting capitalists in the Regina mine.

We are glad to state that their efforts have been successful and that the mine will be in operation in a few days. One hundred thousand dollars has been set apart for the exploitation of the mine and for the necessary new machinery.

In speaking to THE MINER this morning, Gen. Wilkinson said that work would be commenced on the property at once and development proceeded with vigorously.

The Regina has long been considered by the most prominent authorities in this district to be a mine of exceptional promise and that with sufficient capital and good management it could be made to pay big returns on the investment. It is likely the Tremaine stamps will be thrown out and gravity stamps substituted.

In a description of the Regina we cannot do better than give an extract from the last report of the Bureau of Mines furnished by the inspector for this district. It says:

"The Regina mine has been in operation intermittently during the year under the management of J. F. Mievill. In the latter part of October work was suspended altogether and the shaft kept pumped out, awaiting examination with a view to the transfer of the property. The present mill, which has been described in last year's report, was installed by H. A. Pringle, the former manager, and lack of funds to provide a proper mill was the reason for departing from the usual custom of employing gravity stamps and Frue vanners and substituting Tremaine stamps, jigs and Berdan pans. An endeavor was made to obtain a plant which would treat a considerable quantity of ore and could be installed at a minimum of expense. It is well known that Tremaine mills are much cheaper as regards first cost than gravity mills, and in the matter of capacity a Tremaine 2-stamp mill is claimed to be equal to a gravity battery of 5 stamps, crushing from 10 to 15 tons per 24 hours. But this capacity was not obtained at the Regina. From 40 to 50 tons per 24 hours seemed to have been the best results that could be obtained from the 7 mills, or 14 stamps, which had been installed

drift, and broken through to 4th level at a distance of 95 feet from the shaft. North: length, 33 feet; height, 18 feet above roof of drift. Sixth level, south: length (average), 85 feet; height raised to 5th, leaving pillar 12 feet in diameter in lower part of stope for support. North: length, 135 feet; average height, about 5 feet above roof of drift. Seventh level: raise commenced 20 feet south of shaft.

"The vein in the lowest workings is wider than usual and possesses good walls. At the 7th level it is 7 feet wide at the shaft, although narrower in the drifts. At the end of the cross-cut, at a depth of 452 feet, the width is 6 feet; and at the 8th level, it is 7 feet 8 inches, with good walls and set-logs on hanging. At the ends of the drifts in the 8th the vein is narrower, ranging from 4 to 6 feet. Mr. Mievill tells me that the ore averages about 87 per ton. The mine looks very encouraging, therefore, at the lower levels, the vein being much stronger than on surface, and it is hoped that the disposal of the property will be effected in the near future in order that it may be given a fair test. No change has been made in the hoisting or drilling plants, or in the mill. Last winter a tunnel was driven 30 feet south on a vein about 900 feet east of the main vein, and discontinued."

## All Under Contract.

Toronto, May 15.—Mr. W. Mackenzie arrived from New York today. He stated that the section of the Canadian Northern between Winnipeg and Port Arthur would be completed in time to permit the Canadian Northern to participate in bringing the wheat crop from Manitoba and the Northwest to Lake Superior. The entire line from Lake Superior to the Red river is now under contract.

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iron and steel possibilities of Canada and more especially of the province of Ontario, should be properly appreciated by British capitalists. There is the same chance of building up great cities in Canada, along the lakes, as the Americans are now availing themselves of in Cleveland, Buffalo, and other places.

Canada's greatest need at the present time, the writer says, is British capital and British people. When Britain sends her gold and her settlers to Canada it will be found that it will be possible to build up a new industrial Britain in the west which will establish more firmly than ever the industrial power of the empire.

## NEW PULP CONCESSION.

Mr. Munro, M. P. P., Succeeded in His Demands for Petawawa Coy.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands has decided to revive an old pulp concession at Petawawa, on the Ottawa river, ten miles above Pembroke, for the benefit of a syndicate which proposes to form the Petawawa Lumber, Pulp and Power Company. Mr. J. W. Munro, M. P. P. for North Renfrew, has been actively pressing the suit of the syndicate for some weeks past, and has at last attained his object. The others interested are Messrs. A. T. Mohr and J. C. Scovell, of Buffalo.

The extent of the pulp lands to be set apart for them has not been decided, but they have been granted the water power at this point, which is very valuable, and has a fall of 80 ft. The company undertakes to build a pulp mill with a capacity of 50 tons at an expenditure of \$200,000, and to employ 100 men. The construction of the mill will commence by August, it is said.

The Toronto Telegram says editorially: Quebec's net birth rate is little in excess of Ontario. More children are born in Quebec. More people die in Quebec. Fewer people die in Ontario. Quebec has the additional advantage of absolute accuracy in the registration of births. The baptismal records of the Roman Catholic church are virtually a complete record of every child born in the province. There has been great carelessness in the registration of births in Ontario, and in the year 1897 the records of birth rates between the provinces stood thus: Birth rate per 1,000 population—Quebec, 35.00; Ontario, 20.00. Thus 14.00 children per 1,000 of population are born every year more in Quebec than in Ontario. This enormous excess of births in Quebec is to some extent offset by an almost equally enormous excess of deaths, as compared with Ontario. The figures for 1897 are: Death rate per 1,000 of population: Quebec, 21.07; Ontario, 12.02.

## MINING OUTLOOK IS GOOD.

Returns for the Last Three Months Show an Increase of Thirty Per Cent.

The Provincial Bureau of Mines has received the following returns from the metalliferous mines and works of Ontario for the three months ending March 31, 1901: Iron ore, 31,563 tons, \$44,106; pig iron, 28,004 tons, \$438,650; dipper, 1,903,150 lbs., \$109,835; copper, 1,680,300 lbs., \$75,025; arsenic, 286,054 lbs., \$12,046; gold, 3,150 ozs., \$54,520; silver, 20,971 ozs., \$12,046; total, \$827,840.

The total value of the above products for 1900 was \$2,541,131, consequently for the first three months of the present year shows a proportional increase of about 30 per cent. The largest increases are in iron ore, and pig iron; nickel and copper remain at about the same level of production; arsenic shows a decided increase, while gold and silver have fallen off.

The quantity of iron ore smelted into pig iron at the three furnaces of Ontario, all of which are in steady operation, was 48,083 tons, of which 21,083 tons were from Ontario mines and 27,500 tons were imported ore. The proportion of native ore smelted during the quarter rose to 43 per cent. of the whole, as against 23 per cent. in 1900. In addition to the ore 3,488 tons of scale and mill cinder were smelted.

The total quantity of nickel and copper ore mined during the period was 72,083 tons, being a proportional increase as compared with the whole of 1900 of 31 per cent. The new nickel-copper and copper mining companies are beginning to raise considerable quantities of ore, but not much of it has yet been smelted. The quantity of gold ore crushed was 10,474 tons. On the whole the outlook is for a decided increase during the present year in the quantity and value of the product of Ontario metalliferous mines and furnaces.

## Pulp Wood Forests of Ontario.

As the result of a recent exploration made under the direction of the crown lands department of Ontario, it has been ascertained that there exists an immense area of territory in the northern part of the province on which there is almost unlimited quantities of pulp wood. It consists of a tract stretching from the Quebec boundary west across the districts of Nipissing, Algoma and Thunder Bay, and comprising an area of about 21,500 square miles, or 13,380,000 acres. The region is watered by the Moose river and its tributaries, the Abitibi, Mettami and Missinibi, and by the Albany and its tributaries, the Kenogami and Ogoke. The principle pulp wood forests are north of the ridge, extending across the districts of Nipissing, Algoma and Thunder Bay. The timber embraces

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### Sporting Notes.

We have just received the preliminary announcement and programme of the big trap-shooting tournament to be held at Winnipeg on Aug. 1 and 2, during the continuance of the Western Canada exhibition.

This meet seems to have assumed much larger proportions than many devotees of the sport in this country are aware of. The addition to the purses in the way of fabled money, trophies and medals, amount in the two days over which the tournament extends to nearly \$10,000.

A most hearty invitation is extended to all sharpshooters and sportsmen to come and participate in the tournament, and see Western Canada's Great Fair, which is this year expending for prizes and attractions alone the enormous sum of \$10,000,000.

If you do not receive a programme, or wish to make any inquiries, a post card addressed to E. W. Heuback, Winnipeg, Manitoba, will bring you full information.

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The cyanide plant was kept in operation until all the concentrates were treated. A treatment of about four weeks duration at least is given, but on account of the surplus capacity the length of treatment was usually extended to five or six weeks. A new furnace has been built for roasting the cyanide slimes and retorting.

"The shaft is now 475 feet deep. No drifting has been done above the 6th level since last annual report. The north drift in this level has been driven 380 feet altogether. At the 7th level, the north drift is 85 feet in length, and the south 120 feet. At a depth of 432 feet a crosscut has been driven east 18 feet, cutting the vein, which at the 7th level dips into the hanging wall. At the bottom of the shaft the 8th level has been established with cross-cutting north 18 feet, passing through the vein and drifting north and south on the latter, 35 feet altogether. These are the measurements of Oct. 14, the date of my last inspection. In the 3rd level north, at a distance of 90 feet from the shaft, a winze has been sunk 12 feet, revealing a good width of vein.

"The following are the dimensions of the stopes in the levels where this work has been going on since last report. Fourth level south: average length, about 50 feet; height, raised to 3rd level, 5th level, south: length, 120 feet; height, 30 feet above roof of

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The body was taken to Wallaceburg this evening for interment.

## CANADA'S HIDDEN WEALTH.

Writer in a Periodical Points Out Opportunities for Investment of Capital.

An article by W. T. Allison appears in Cassell's Magazine for May in which he discusses the industrial conditions of Great Britain. Mr. Allison asserts that it is humiliating to see the way in which Canada is exploited by American capital while British money lies idle at home or is being sent to the United States to build up the power of that country. The resources of Canada are great, he says, and there is room in this country for all efforts that can be put into operation by British capital during the century. Mr. Allison continues: "Andrew Carnegie has been drawing a forecast of the iron and steel trade of the new century. He prophesies that the great works of America will be centred on the south-eastern shores of the great lakes. He speaks in the most sanguine tones of this quarter being the future seat, and centre of the steel industry. The splendid waterway and natural advantages are pointed out by him, and the brilliant future of the lake cities is pictured by his graphic pen. But the

## IN EXCESS OF ONTARIO. MORE PEOPLE DIE IN QUEBEC.

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## Counterfeit Bills Caught.

Toronto Mail: Several counterfeit \$1 bills have been detected in the East end. They are of the same issue as those that were circulated about six months ago on Queen street west. Two or three East-end merchants had their bills refused when they were depositing in the bank yesterday. All efforts of the police to discover the source of the bills has been in vain, as they are such an excellent counterfeit and hard to detect.

## Premier Goes to England.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Ontario's premier, is going to England, sailing by the Dominion Line on July 3, and returning early in September. He will visit Lord Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, and intends to confer with the imperial authorities with reference to the establishment of a remount station in Ontario, and on other matters in which the province is interested.

## Canada a Good Second.

London Daily Mail: Of all governments the Russian has taken greatest advantage of the opportunity Glasgow has afforded the world. The splendour, beauty and extent of Russian buildings and the varied scope of the Russian exhibits will give to most people a first conception of the commercial and industrial awakening of the great Northern empire. Canada, always eager in the advertisement of her immense enterprising exhibitor. But nearly all the colonies make great displays; many of them have even enlarged the exhibits they sent to Paris.

## Route of the Future.

New York, May 14. - Sir Chas. Tupper, ex-premier of Canada, who is visiting New York, thinks that the improvement in the Canadian canal system making a waterway from the straits of Belle Isle to the head of Lake Superior, a distance of 2,400 miles, will make the principal route for the shipment of grain from the west. The foreign and domestic tolls will be the same.

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## Sir Charles Made Profits.

Ontario, May 14. - Sir Charles has made a snug sum out of Northern Pacific stock within the past few days. He was the holder of 700 shares which he bought at 70 or thereabouts a few months ago. He sold out at something in the neighborhood of 180 and his profit is estimated at about one hundred thousand dollars.

## Almost Persuaded.

Bohacaygon Independent: The Ottawa Canal promoter estimates of the wonderful works of the canal sound a trifle like the oratorical high kicks of a boomer. The gentleman only wants sixty-eight millions, a mere bagatelle, and he talks so beautifully about freight in the millions of tons, and rates away down next to nothing, that this journal is almost - not quite, but almost - disposed to request him to draw on this office for whatever amount he requires, and open out the canal for the fall trade.

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## LESSONS OF THE WAR.

Lord Salisbury Points Out the Benefits Resulting—Great Britain's Star not Set.

London, May 14.—Prime Minister Salisbury, who has just returned from France, made a speech in London, to-night, in which he reviewed the benefits which he believed had resulted from the war in South Africa, despite the lamentable sacrifices England has been called upon to make. One of the greatest of these benefits, he said, was that the display of the latent powers of the empire had dissipated the notion which had spread throughout the world that Great Britain's star had set; that she would never fight again; and that any adversary needed only to press hardly, and boldly enough to compel her to yield. Now it was seen that she could copy the brilliant examples of the past. The empire was undoubtedly safer, and the cause of peace more secure. There was now no power in the world but knew that it defied the might of England; it would defy one of the most formidable enemies that might possibly be encountered.

Another benefit was that the war had revealed the existence for a long time of a conspiracy to oust the British from South Africa, which, if it had not been encountered now, would have strengthened and grown more dangerous. The British had thereby been taught a lesson regarding home rule for Ireland. When they had fought in the past against Irish home rule they had not realized what sort of a fight could be maintained by a hostile government against its suzerain, no matter how overwhelming the power of its suzerain. If the home rule bill of 1893 had been passed, and an Irish government established at Dublin, it was not very extravagant to assume, in view of the exhibitions in the House of Commons and elsewhere, that it would have been a hostile government. What, then, would have been Great Britain's position, if she had not only to meet the South African republics, but, concurrently, a hostile Ireland? There were good reasons before for resisting home rule, but, since the South African experiences had taught the power and capacity of modern instruments of war, his hearers knew that if they allowed hostile Irish leaders unlimited scope to make warlike

## AFRICAN ETIQUETTE.

A Traveler Tells How to Get Along With the Dusky Chiefs.

In African travel it is always wise to visit the biggest chief in any part of the country, says a writer in the Century. One can always learn from other chiefs at a distance who they are and something of their character. In approaching them, always send word of your coming, and, if possible, information in advance of the feeling of the chief toward whites. Upon nearing the village, stand on ahead to announce your arrival, and wait until your messenger returns with some of the villagers to escort you to their chief.

Greet the chief civilly, ask him to send one of his people to show you a good place for your tent, if you decide to camp in the village, which I have done invariably in this country, though it is not always advisable in every part of Central Africa. When you have rested, the chief will come to see you. Then state to him your business, talk frankly with him and explain plainly your needs, whether you want guides or to buy food.

I seldom stayed in a place more than one day, and, generally, the first night I called the chief privately into my tent and had a long talk with him, and gave him a present, consisting generally of a good cloth, four yards of American, four of wide blue, four of narrow calico, and about an egg-cup full of beads, and sometimes an empty bottle or two. Invariably I received next day the co-operation of the chief in every way, and also a big goat, or sheep, or bullock, and fifty or sixty pounds of flour. Sometimes I gave a small additional present before leaving. If the chief took a fancy to any particular thing, and I could spare it, I did so. Sometimes one wanted a sheath-knife, and another a hat. Old Kambuli was determined to have a shirt. He wanted a candle, matches and needles, which I gave him; and I had previously given him cloth, I suggested, as a feeble sort of joke, that, as he now had cloth and sewing material and light, he might sit up at night and make a shirt. Immediately the old fellow replied: "It is the candle that is interfering with my success. Here, take back the candle and give me the shirt." I finally yielded and gave him a much-patched garment, which satisfied him.

## A Hold-up That Was a Fizzle.

A prominent west side physician had just retired for the night, after a busy day, and had just expressed the hope that the life of man would be considerably enough to permit him a few hours' uninterrupted repose, when the bell rang and the words came up the speaking tube: "Come at once." He jumped down the address, hurried into his clothes and, as he left his apartment, remembering the prevalence of holdups in the vicinity, placed a revolver in his coat pocket. The case was so serious and the night air so biting that after walking a few blocks he broke into a trot, both to gain time and warmth.

He had traveled a quarter of a mile in this way and had nearly reached his destination when he noticed a man a few rods in front of him, also running, but at a slower pace. The physician came within a few feet of the stranger, when the latter suddenly stopped, jumped on a stone coping at the side of the walk, and, drawing a pistol, shouted at the physician to "stop." "The physician, who started, was quick to appreciate the situation, and, whipping out his own weapon, prepared to resist this attempt at 'hold up' to the end. The two stood thus for an instant, each with a pistol leveled at the other, and each silent and motionless. The physician was the first to speak.

"Stand aside and let me pass," he said.

"Why," stammered the other, "aren't you chasing me?"

Mutual explanations followed. The stranger was a belated clubman, had thought the physician was a thug after him, had run until he gave out, and,

## A MAYOR'S MIRACLE.

He Made the Blind See, the Deaf Hear and the Lame Walk.

From the many anecdotes of Bampfylde Moore Carew's rogueries in Arthur Montefiore Brice's essay on that "Amazing Vagabond" we quote one in which Carew and his gypsy crew who had rigged themselves up as cripples and gathered at Bridgewater fair to plunder the junketers came off second best.

When the mayor of Bridgewater heard that this motley group of cripples had arrived, he announced to some of his friends that he was possessed of a power they perhaps little suspected—that, in fact, he could make the blind see, the deaf hear and the lame walk. Bets were freely made that he could do nothing of the kind, and thereupon the mayor had the gypsies arrested and immediately brought before him and, after hearing their harrowing tales, ordered them to be confined for the night in the lockup.

About 10 o'clock at night, however, the municipal surgeon entered with a lantern and announced that he would examine them all in the morning in order to report to the mayor whether or not they really suffered from deformity of one kind or another, and he went on to say that those who were found to be impostors would be treated by the mayor with severity so extreme that, moved to pity, he would allow any such misguided wretch to escape there and then from the lockup on condition that he be immediately left the town.

At this intelligence a great commotion arose, and in less time than it takes to write it the whole crowd surged out of the lockup, dinging away their crutches and wooden legs, patches and bandages, and made off down the town at topmost speed, the blind leading the way with unerring steps, the dumb crying along their fears, the deaf replying to them, and the lame sprinting along at a rattling pace. Now, just opposite the lockup, on the further side of the street, stood the witty mayor and his friends, convulsed with laughter at the success of his scheme.

## CATCHING CICADAS.

How Certain Malays Obtain a Delicious Delicacy.

Certain natives of the Malay peninsula catch cicadas and eat them and that as a considerable luxury. To eat a cicada seems distinctly curious, says the London Daily Mail, when we reflect that this insect is in reality a glorified member of that insect group which contains as its most prominent representative the diminutive and swarthy creature which shall be nameless here for evermore.

The way in which the Siamese proceeds was related to the Zoological society the other day by a naturalist who has spent some time in the Malay peninsula, observing men as well as insects. "At night, when these insects fly, the native sallies forth armed with a torch and but little raiment. The torch is deposited in a convenient place, and the swarm of natives proceed to clap their hands in a perfectly regular fashion so as to produce a considerable sound.

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# CHILD KILLED AND EATEN



## QUEER ENGLISH.

We'll begin with a box, and the plural, a boxes. But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes. And the plural of goose, but two are called geese. And the plural of mouse should never be mouses. You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice.

For the plural of house is houses, not hives. If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen? The cow in the plural may be cows or kine. The plural of now is nows, not vintages. And if I speak of a foot, and you show me your feet.

And I agree you a foot, would a pair be called a feet? If one is a tooth and a whole lot are teeth. Why shouldn't the plural of tooth be called a teeth?

If the singular's this and the plural is these, should the plural of kiss be nicknamed these? Then you may be that, and three, would be these. Yet but in a plural would never be those.

The speak of a brother and also of brother. But, though we say brother, we never say mother. When we pronounce parents, he, his and him, but we never say the feminine—she, she and him. So, I think, I think you are all well aware. In the most wonderful language you ever did see.

—Daisy Plutarch Magazine.

## A WOMAN'S COQUETRY.

.....By M. Ould.

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For five years I had been the keeper of the elephant Jamrock. In summer we travelled with the circus, and in winter we either had quarters on a farm or in some zoological garden. Jamrock had taken to me from the first, but you must know that an elephant is as capricious as a woman. For a moment a time the big beast would be as humble as a kitten and as loving as a child, and then all of a sudden he would grow and kick and perhaps seek to maul you. There were two weeks in every year when I actually feared him. From the first to the 15th of February he and the keeper of a devil, during this interval he was securely chained and every precaution taken when approaching him. He would stand for hours with his head to the left and left, and then suddenly swing out on a swing to make you chill. It would be as much as much as my life was worth to have him within reach of his trunk. The elephant always hated two words, and the Jamrock was his self name and under complete control.

When a circus goes into winter quarters on a farm, it is known as the animal stock and is retained. Each elephant is kept, the man in charge of the various wild beasts the herders of the circus, including zebras, this

my life. As we went about our duties we passed and repassed each other, but there had been no more words. On the night of the 9th of February, after a day's anxiety over Jamrock, who was unusually ugly, I turned into my bunk and after a time fell asleep. I had slept three hours, when awakened by a clutch at my throat, and as soon as I opened my eyes I found Norton bending over me. He had a grasp on my throat with both hands, and his intentions were to strangle me. We were pretty evenly matched as to strength, and though he had taken me unawares, desperation helped me to break his clutch and throw him off. As I think him clear of me he drew a knife. I was unarmed, and was crowded into a narrow bunk, but I used my pillow as a shield and he buried his knife into it several times as he struck at me.

At the end of two minutes, I knew that I must have help or lose my life. We were alone in the great shed, and after the choking I had received my voice would not carry across the building. In the dim light I saw that Jamrock was watching us, and that his eyes were ablaze. I had no hope that he could break his chains, and I knew that he would kill us both if he did, but yet I called out to him. He answered with a scream, and throwing all his weight on the chains he snapped them as if they had been old cellophane and came dashing down the alley. The first man was striking at me, and cursing below his breath, and the point of his knife had drawn blood three or four times. As he heard the beast coming, he turned to look, but he had no time to escape. With a sweep of his trunk Jamrock knocked him down, and then lifting him up again the body was battered against the beams right and left until it was reduced to pulp. I did not try to leave the bunk, being almost helpless, and hoped the elephant would go away after a bit. When he had given the body a fling down the alley, he picked me out of my bunk and carried me back to his stall. I expected death, but he let me down on the straw with care and stood over me. I remained quiet for 15 minutes and then tried to creep away, but Jamrock brought me back so roughly that I dared not try it again.

It was morning before any one came to us, and you may be sure there was great excitement. It was Zari who finally approached the elephant with food and distracted his attention while I fled away, and later on we opened the doors and let him out into a field where he could do no more damage. It was an affair that never reached the newspapers, and two weeks after the incident a wedding was quietly celebrated in our quarters. Why Jamrock, who had often tried to kill me when his it was on, should have spared me on this occasion has always been a puzzle to me. Perhaps the one violin took the edge off his temper, or it may be that he remembered our long friendship and conquered his desire to slay. Be it as it may, I mounded him almost as a brother when he was killed in a railway accident the following year.

## Keep Up With The Times.

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## CHOPSTICK DINNERS.

A FAD WITH WOULD BE BOHEMIANS IN NEW YORK.

Chinese Restaurants There Tolerate a Free and Easy Etiquette, and Everybody Does Just About as He or She Pleases.

In the last few years a surprisingly large number of Chinese restaurants have made their appearance in up town districts in New York. The tawdry outward decorations of red and blue lights and huge gilt Chinese characters are in every case the same. The same, too, are the unattractive entrances, the walls decorated with colored pictures of pretty Chinese girls and marvelous specimens of landscapes, the little tables covered with white oilcloth, the general dilapidation of the establishment. Nothing about them seems attractive, and yet these places thrive, and their number increases with astonishing rapidity. The reason is not far to seek if one is at all familiar with the facts. There are several characteristics of the Chinese restaurant which recommend it highly to certain classes and seem to indicate that its popularity is not a mere fad.

In the first place it should be understood that most of these places are eating houses carried on under Chinese management. The cooks are invariably true Celestials, and in only a few cases are the proprietors Americans. The food is prepared, therefore, according to the most approved methods of the Middle Kingdom, with the result that in cheapness and savoriness (if you like it) it can easily outclass similar places run by American cooks. The Chinese is a master of the art of making palatable dishes out of next to nothing or rather a little of everything. Not even the French cook can rival him. The insipidity of cheap chop-house and the sameness of the dainty lunch counters are thus escaped by frequenters of these restaurants. Moreover, in spite of appearances the food is prepared in an extremely cleanly manner. No one is deterred from entering the kitchen, and a visit further sends one back with renewed appetite to the untidy eating room. So many who while possessed of a small share of this world's goods still affect "sportiness" frequent the restaurant for its cheapness and grow to enjoy the highly flavored dishes.

There is also a free and easy atmosphere about the Chinese eating house which attracts many would be "Bohemians" as well as a goodly share of a class below the lowest grades of the city's many graded Bohemia. Visitors loaf about and talk and laugh loudly. When the waiter is wanted, some one emits a shrill yell which brings an answering whoop from the kitchen, followed sooner or later by a little Chinese at a jog trot. Any one who feels like it may stroll into the kitchen and the proprietor will teach anybody to use the chopsticks and roar with laughter over the failures of the novice. Everybody does as he or she pleases within certain very elastic bounds. The limit is reached sooner in some places than in others, for while some of the houses are before midnight at least



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"I supposed that I was perfectly familiar with my own voice, and thought privately that it was rather agreeable. I had been told so plenty of times by other people and never knew that they were only jollying me until I made a phonographic record and set it grinding. At the first word I jumped back in dismay and nearly pulled my ears off in the listening tubes.

"Merciful heavens!" I said to myself. "Is it possible I talk like that?" I thought there must be something the matter with the cylinder and called in a friend to hear it. He grinned with delight. "That's one of the most natural records I ever heard in my life," he declared heartily, and I yearned for his gore.

"But as I just remarked, everybody who tries the experiment has the same experience. The voice is always unpleasantly unfamiliar and positively unpleasant. Yet there is a certain something about it that differentiates it from any other voice you ever heard in your life—something indescribable that gives you a little secret thrill clear down to the soles of your feet. It is the voice of the mysterious body which you inhabit and don't know."

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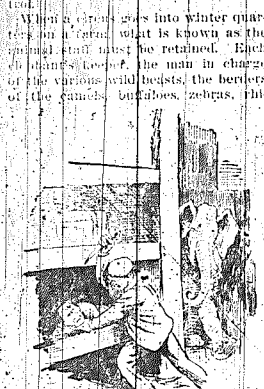
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# Mushroom Culture by Anna.

In *The American Naturalist* Professor Wheeler describes a genus of insect living communally with certain ants. The general reader will, however, be especially interested in the so-called "mushroom garden" forged by the ants in question. It appears that they cut and transport into their subterranean cellars large pieces of leaves, which are there divided into smaller fragments and ultimately reduced to a fine pulp. "This pulp is heaped up and soon becomes invaded by the mycelium of a fungus. The mycelium is kept aseptically clean—i.e., free from all species of fungi and even from bacteria—and lodged to grow in an abnormal way by bringing forth numerous white, succinate, the only food of the ant colony. Muller likens these 'sellings' to the 'kohlraut' of the German kitchen garden."—Nature.

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# Odd Death Certificates.

Certificates of death are not documents where one usually seeks for humor, but there is frequently to be found therein much of the unconscious wit of life. Here, for instance, is how the cause of death is stated in the case of a laborer: "Died from injuries received through a bull accidentally kneeling on his chest." The consideration shown for the feelings of the bull is a fine touch and suggests grave questions on the moral responsibility of the lower animals. Again, a man is stated to have "died from the effects of injuries received after being run over by a railway train in motion, owing to a misadventure between deceased and an engine driver." This description of a rather ordinary railway casualty is excellent.

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## Local Interest

### Halton.

W. Cook who has been visiting his friends in Owen Sound, returned Monday.

Jno. Denn, of the Hamilton Powder Works, left Monday for Mine Centre on a business trip.

A. K. Cannon arrived back from Winnipeg last night.

J.J. Woodsworth, who has been in the Winnipeg hospital for some time, returned this week.

T. Hanson returned to the Mikado Wednesday, but will be back to town shortly to resume the leadership of the band.

### Halton.

Jno. Bendro returned from Minnetonka Wednesday.

H. Slater, of London, was in town this week.

H.C. Percival left for Winnipeg on Wednesday.

P. Gass, of Goldboro, is in town.

Messrs. H. Leggett, A. Kay, J. Lequia, and W. Beck, of the Big Master mine, Goldboro, are in town.

W. Howley left for the Mikado this afternoon by the Clipper to take charge of Messrs. Cameron & Heaps' stores at that place.

Jas. Haller, formerly of McCullough & Haller, plumbers, Matheson street, is now prepared to take orders for plumbing, etc. Orders left at McVeigh & Walsh's hotel store, Matheson st., will receive prompt attention. Jobbing promptly attended to.

### Halton.

The Hudson's Bay Co. are having the large glass in the south end of the Dry Goods dept. replaced today.

A total eclipse of the sun takes place today, but will only be seen in Alaska, Russia, Sumatra and Borneo.

## Hilliard Opera House

## THE Waragraph

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Saturday, May 18

Under Auspices of Citizens' Band.

The only complete reproduction in the world of the late

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Showing the entire procession from the beginning to the end, accompanied by the Citizens' Band playing the

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## "It Did Good Work"

In Tuesday's issue of The Miner last week, W. S. Johnson advertised two wagons for sale. Inside of a week both were sold to a gentleman from Rivington River. Mr. Johnson said the ad "did good work."

If you wish direct results, and providing you have the right article to sell, an ad in The Miner will do it for you.

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Halton.

The Public Pioneer advises that two or three hundred men leave that town and seek employment elsewhere. The South is over crowded with laborers.

At the Baptist Tabernacle, Sunday evening, May 18th, a special sermon to Railway Trainmen will be delivered by the Pastor Fred T. Tapscott.

Canned Pineapple is now the cheapest fruit on the market. At Partington's they are selling 3 lb. tins of delicious Singapore Pineapple at 25c each.

A moonlight excursion by the Str. Keenora is announced for the evening of Victoria Day, May 24th. It will be under the auspices of the Rat Portage Public Library. The Citizens' Band will be in attendance. Further particulars will be given in our next issue. Don't make any dates which will conflict with this popular excursion. Tickets may be had at Johnson's Pharmacy, Smith's book store and Wood's drug store.

Mrs. Baker and daughter, of Fort Frances, are visiting in town.

Remember the entertainment to be given in the opera house this evening by the pupils of Miss Lamond.

Messrs. J. E. Stanton and C. N. Kirton, of New York left last evening for Eagle Lake, to commence operations on Manhattan Mining Co's property.

### Stinging Chills

As distressing and annoying as are Chills, they can be immediately relieved by the application of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Try it when you have retired with itching, stinging feet and expect to spend a sleepless night in suffering. Such a trial will convince you that as a cure for Chills Dr. Chase's Ointment is the Standard of excellence. It is the world's greatest cure for all itching of the skin.

### Early Closing.

The Retail Clerks' Association have issued a circular to the public calling attention to early closing. We hope that the citizens generally will show their approval by shopping early, and make no complaints about inconvenience. The hours are yet certainly long enough and the wisdom of passing of the by-law can be demonstrated this season. Following is a copy of the circular sent out by the Clerks' Association:

To the public in general: Assisted by your petitions we approached the merchants for earlier closing and a by-law has been passed regulating the closing of Rat Portage and Norman stores. The hours for closing are 7 p.m. of each day, excepting Wednesday night, of each week, and monthly pay days of the Rat Portage Rubber Company, when the hour for closing will be 9 p.m. Open on Saturday nights and nights preceding public holidays as usual. We sincerely thank all concerned and trust that the kindest concessions will continue.

### RETAIL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

### Almost Consumption.

Mr. J. J. Dods, of Pleasant Ave., Deer Park, Ont., writes: "I have suffered in my head and throat and all over my body since last summer from a very heavy cold, which I could not get rid of. I have tried several of what are considered good remedies, but none seemed to be of any avail. I began to think that my cold was developing into consumption, as very many have to my knowledge. I am thankful now to say that Dr. Chase's Syrup of Aniseed and Turpentine has worked a complete cure, as I am now entirely free of the cold."

To Donatista, May 24th

## Boy Nearly Drowned.

But for the prompt action of Mr. T. Smith, the diamond drill man, a little boy named McCrae would have met death by drowning on Tuesday evening. The little fellow was playing near the ship of the Rat Portage Lion Works when he fell into the lake. His playmate gave the alarm and Mr. Smith hurried to the spot and jumped in the water. The boy had sunk to the bottom by this time, but Mr. Smith dived and in a few seconds brought the almost lifeless boy to land. The little fellow was unconscious but was restored after considerable work. Mr. Smith deserves great credit for his prompt rescue and no doubt will receive recognition from the proper authorities.

## Population of Greater London.

London, May 16.—The population of the outer ring of the suburbs of London is 2,012,750, as against 1,465,180 in 1891; 950,057 in 1881, and, and 631,831 in 1871. The total population of Greater London, including the outer ring of suburbs, is now 6,578,781.

The Russian Government is sending two more battleships and four cruisers to reinforce the Russian fleet in Chinese waters in anticipation of serious trouble.

Six hundred and fifty-two houses, including 197 shops, have been destroyed by fire at Brest, in the province of Warsaw. The loss is given at 11,000,000 roubles.

The case of Mrs. Carrie Nation, charged with saloon-smashing in Trepeka last February, went to the jury yesterday. Her attorney set up a plea of insanity.

Mr. B. A. D. Bertrand, who ran as the Liberal candidate for Provencer, Man., at the last general election, has been appointed Inspector of Public Works in the Yukon at a salary of \$5,000.

The Montreal cigar manufacturers are putting in special tools for the manufacture of cigars by which the labor will be greatly reduced. This action is taken in account of the troubles with the union.

### WOMEN AND BUTCLING.

It is in the Tendency to "Scorch" that the Chief Danger Lies.

In the first place it ought to be a law for every woman that she should never ride a bicycle after a distinct feeling of weariness comes over her. For those who are beginning, especially, and in a measure for all women, there is a danger of riding out to a certain distance, and only turning towards home when this feeling of weariness comes on. In such cases the strain on the nervous system all the way home is very great, and by the time the end of the journey is reached, if it has become necessary by this time the rider is exhausted to such an extent that a severe headache or some more serious indisposition is the result. There is no other reason for this than the fact that she did not prescribe for herself a certain distance before starting out, which was not to be exceeded under any circumstances. No ordinary woman who rides for pleasure

One of our subscribers who has been living in Granada, West Indies for the past six months, says, in changing his address to his old home in Saul Ste. Marie, Ont.: "Out of all the Canadian papers I had sent here, THE MINER was the only one that never missed a mail, and I had some eight or nine papers coming here."

## American Beauties.

There are none fairer or sweeter the world over. Unfettered and untrammeled the American woman queens it as does no other woman in the world. Yet her very energy and ambition are often times her undoing. She attempts too much. Her health is undermined. And when health goes beauty goes also. The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery re-establishes the health. It cures diseases of the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition and assures perfect assimilation of food and the proper nourishment of the body. It increases the blood supply and eliminates the impurities that clog the system and cloud the complexion.

Mrs. Mary B. Lewis of Tanne, Gilmer Co. W. Va., writes: "Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, having been prescribed and Pleasant Pellets cured me when doctors and other medicines failed. For fifteen years I suffered untold misery. I had given up all hope of ever getting well. I could not lie down to sleep, and everything I ate would bring me to death. Was very nervous and continually walked across the room. I could weigh myself and find I had lost ten pounds in the last few years. I now weigh one hundred and forty pounds and am feeling better health than ever before. After being sick long I have changed to a robust and healthy state. I have taken fifteen bottles of 'Prescription,' 'Discovery' and 'Pellets.'"

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Spring time brings with it house cleaning. We handle

Spades, Alconline

H. Slater, of London, was in town this week.

H.C. Percival left for Winnipeg on Wednesday.

P. Gasse, of Goldrock, is in town.

Messrs. H. Leggett, A. Kay, J. De quia, and W. Beck, of the Big Master mine, Goldrock, are in town.

W. Haynes left for the Mikado this afternoon by the Sir. Clippor to take charge of Messrs. Cameron & Heap's stores at that place.

Jas. Haller, formerly of McCullough & Haller, plumbers, Matheson street, is now prepared to take orders for plumbing, etc. Orders left at McVeigh & Walsh's liquor store, Matheson st., will receive prompt attention. Jobbing promptly attended to.

**Hairon.**

The Hudson's Bay Co. are having the large lake in the south end of the Dry goods dept. refitted today.

A total eclipse of the sun takes place today, but will only be seen in Mude, Cassin, Simarra and Barro.

J. P. Worsling of the C. P. R. staff at Cross Lake was in town this week. He has invented a track-laying machine which promises to yield him good returns. It is said to be capable of doing the work of four or five men.

Chas. Brown, M. E. and J. A. Partington left Wednesday evening for Eagle Lake district. Mr. Brown will examine and make a report on a rich claim of Messrs. Partington and Fowett.

A report was brought in town yesterday of another very rich discovery in Eagle Lake district. The vein is said to be 16 ft. and unusually rich quartz. The report has not been confirmed.

**E. W. Groves**

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at least good luck.

If you wish quick results, and avoiding long hard the right article to sell, an ad in

**The Miner**

will do it for you.

**Hairon.**

The Sault Pioneer advises that two or three hundred men leave that town and seek employment elsewhere. The Sault is over crowded with laborers.

At the Baptist Tabernacle, Sunday evening, May 19th, a special sermon to Railway Trainmen will be delivered by the Pastor Fred. T. Tapscott.

Mary had a little lamb,  
And she loved a little best,  
And she went to school every day,  
And she had the night mare, too.  
—Exchange.

Dr. Hodgkiss, assistant Provincial Health Inspector to Dr. Bryce, Toronto is in town paying his official visit. He is well satisfied with the sanitary condition and thinks the town is to be congratulated on the efficiency of its Board of Health. He will leave for Rainy River points on Saturday evening.

**Hairon.**

The entertainment to be given this evening by the pupils of Miss Landon assisted by Mr. Carpenter and others promises to be largely attended.

Mr. McLeod, of Winnipeg general agent of the Standard Life, is in town.

Five members of the Canadian contingent for the South African police have died since their departure from Canada. When it is considered that they died all medically examined the mortality list seems very high.

Free Press, J. McPhail, of Rat Portage, returned yesterday from Indian Head, where he succeeded in disposing of a carload of heavy horses which he purchased in the neighborhood of Rat Portage, the lumbermen of the district being through with them, now their winter's work is over. He left for Rat Portage on yesterday afternoon's train.

At Partington's they have just received 1,000 cans of delicious Singapore Pineapple. They are in large tins and are whole, sliced and grated. The price is exceptionally low, being only 25 cents per tin.

**Hairon.**

Hull Austin, the Rat Portage representative of the Winnipeg Free Press leaves Sunday on a visit to the east. He will, of course, visit the Pan-American. During Mr. Austin's absence, which will be about a month, W. D. Mullin will fill his position.

St. Thomas Sutherland returned Tuesday from a trip to British Columbia. He states that mining and general business is dull in the mountains.

In our Tuesday's issue we made an error in stating that Mr. Rideout had taken out a crew of men to commence development on the Golden Horn property. Mr. Rideout went to another property, near the big narrows, which he wished to inspect and determine its extent and value. On account of the illness of the president of the Golden Horn company work will not be commenced on that property for probably six weeks yet.

days of the Rat Portage Pioneer Company, when the hour for closing will be 9 p.m. Open on Saturday nights and nights preceding public holidays as usual. We sincerely thank all concerned and trust that the kindest concessions will continue.

RETAIL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

**Almost Consumption.**

Mr. J. J. Dadds, of Pleasant Ave., Deer Park, Ont., writes: "I have suffered in my head and throat and all over my body since last summer from a very heavy cold, which I could not get rid of. I have tried several of what are considered good remedies, but none seemed to be of any avail. I began to think that my cold was developing into consumption, as very many have to my knowledge. I am thankful now to say that Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has worked a complete cure, as I am now entirely free of the cold."

**To Perpetuate May 24th.**

London, May 16. — King Edward, who was born Nov. 9, 1811, has decided that his birthday shall be celebrated May 24 each year, thus continuing the holiday hitherto observed by all the public departments — Queen, Victoria's birthday — and giving an impetus to the colonial movement to observe the date as Empire Day.

The owners of the Atlas Steamship Company confirm the sale of their fleet of seven modern steamers to the Hamburg-American Company for about \$5,000,000.

**Don't Cough**

Stop it with SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod Liver Oil.

A little coughing is nothing — the tickling that makes you cough once, is some dust; not the least harm. You scratch an itch, and forget it. This cough is scratching an itch.

But the cough, that hangs on and comes back, is a sign of an itch that hangs on and comes back. There is something that makes that itch.

Inflammation, a germ; it's alive; like a seed in moist warm ground; it will grow if you let it, even in children.

Take SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod Liver Oil, and the germ will die.

If you have not tried it, send for a free sample, its agreeable taste will surprise you. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto. 25c per bottle and 50c per all druggists.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.**

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves's signature is on each box.

action is taken in account of the troubles with the union.

**WOMEN AND BICYCLING.**

It is in the Tendency to "Scorch" that the Chief Danger Lies.

In the first place a bicycle to be a law for every woman that she should never ride a bicycle after a distinct feeling of weariness comes over her. For those who are beginning, especially, and in a measure for all women, there is a danger of riding out a certain distance, and only turning towards home when this feeling of weariness comes on. In such cases the strain on the nervous system all the way home is very great, and by the time the end of the journey is reached — for it has become a journey by this time — the rider is exhausted to such an extent that a severe headache or some more serious indisposition is the result. There is no other reason for this than the fact that she did not prescribe for herself a certain distance before starting out, which was not to be exceeded under any circumstances. No ordinary woman who rides for pleasure once or twice a week should do over about ten miles at a time. This is perhaps a lower rate than many have easily extended to an hour and a quarter before that distance is covered; and if she does not feel fresh and in a glow when she stops she may be certain that she has ridden too long. Naturally there is that healthy rest feeling which any one recognizes after athletic exercise, but it is quite different from and never to be mistaken for the weariness which comes from too much exertion and straining of the nerves and muscles. Very few women have ever been injured on a bicycle who kept to this rule and limited their riding to normal distances.

The limit of distance which is designated by the first feeling of weariness, is only a little more important than the limit of speed which the female frame is capable of undergoing under healthy exercising rules. Whether a man can ride at full speed for a long distance and still retain his good health is a doubtful question, but it does not particularly concern us in the present discussion. It is quite certain, however, that no woman can keep up a high rate of speed for even a generous portion of a mile and not create the beginnings of injuries. The added strength required to increase your speed even a little after a certain amount of power has been expended is out of all proportion to the results. There is no relaxation of the muscles between revolutions of the pedals nor any let-up on the nervous and muscular strain while the speed lasts. The heart is far more taxed than one realizes at the moment, and that species of tingling or numbness in the nerves and muscles which often results is only a sign that they have both been overtaxed.

This danger of acquiring too much speed is a natural one. The bicycle runs so easily on smooth asphalt or macadam that it is a strong temptation to "scorch" — indeed, it is so strong a temptation that as soon as a girl has fairly learned to ride easily she has to put a deliberative check on herself to avoid dropping into it.

**Meant Well, but Lacked Tact.**

If all the tactless things one hears said in a week were to be printed there would be a paper famine, and printer's ink would be higher than beer is now. However, here is something I heard, a gossip in a Washington Post writer. It was said to a woman I know by a woman who meant to be agreeable. This particular woman to whom this thing was said has a dear little girl of 9 who is as sweet as barley sugar. The agreeable woman watched her playing about the room. Then turning to my friend, she said: "Your little girl has such a sweet temper. Your husband must have a very lovely disposition."

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Clear Havana Cigars

Grandas Danillas	per box 50	\$3.00
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- Rakes
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- Alcovestine
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- Mixed Paint
- Brushes

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Miners Boarding house steam heated, running water in bed rooms, hot and cold shower baths free. Board and lodging \$4.00 per week. Apply to **WILLIAM WILKINSON**, Manager.

One NEW "WILFLEY" Concentrating Table, (the best in the market) requires little power, and no attention.  
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